

Bennington City Council  
Regular Minutes  
December 14, 2020

Regular meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by Dennis Kelley, second by David Galvan. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were: Alley Maintenance and Tractor Quote.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by David Galvan to approve the printed list of bills and the minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Violations were discussed. There are at least a couple campers around town that look like they are being lived in. Adrienne and Dustin will investigate this and report back.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Brian Davidson, Cord Gwennap, Dennis Kelley and City Clerk Adrienne Luthi. Visitors were Dustin Murk (arrived at 7:15, left meeting at 7:40), and Laura Bowers. Judith Swagerty was absent.

Chris Rose, Rec Director, sent a note which Ward Stockamp read during the meeting. Chris wrote that at this time they are between sessions. The next sport should be spring basketball in March, but at this time they are on hold. Superintendent of schools wants to discuss it more after the first of the year. It is not looking good for holding spring basketball, but things can change rapidly so he will keep us updated.

Dustin Murk discussed the Debris loader/leaf trailer with the council. It would need to be built, so it would be next year sometime before we would get it if the council decides to order one. Ward Stockamp said that Judith Swagerty had mentioned the Recycle center was interested in going in on the equipment. Adrienne Luthi will add this to the next agenda since Judith is absent tonight and will call her to find out what the recycle center had in mind as far as how much they are able to contribute.

Dustin Murk discussed the tractor with the council. Council does not want to spend any more money fixing the tractor. The council would like Dustin to list the tractor on purple wave or nextech for sale. Dustin will get an idea of what it is worth and work on getting it sold.

Sargent drilling gave Dustin an estimate on what it would cost to see how our wells are doing by performing an efficiency test and an estimate on repairing a valve that is broken. He passed it around to the council. Motion by Cord Gwennap, second by David Galvan to approve repair of the valve and an efficiency test on all the wells for \$2,836.00. Motion Carried.

Ward Stockamp mentioned the plaques on the wall in the hallway that belong to the Ambulance Service. Adrienne Luthi is to call and see if they want them.

Dustin Murk asked the council if he could purchase a couple pallets of highway salt for winter. Council said that was fine.

Dustin Murk discussed that he would like to purchase 17 ton of AP3 rock for some alley work he wants to do. It would cost \$420.00 Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to approve the purchase of 17 tons of AP3 for alley work at a cost of \$420.00. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk informed the council that Ray Swearingen has pipe for sale to put down at the arena to mark the city property boundaries. The pipes are 8 feet long and would cost \$4.00 per foot. Council told Dustin to get 10 of them and put them across the property line. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve purchase of 10 of the 8-foot pipes and concrete to put them in. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk told the council he needs a new tail gate for the dump truck. It will have to be custom made and he also would like to purchase a portable generator to use around town to clean out meter pits. Council said to check prices on a generator and get some prices on what it would cost for a new tail gate for the dump truck.

Dustin Murk informed the council that he is still trying to get in touch with Brian Levendofsky about fixing the entrance to the Rodeo Grounds.

Alley maintenance fund was discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to lower the alley maintenance charge on the water bills to \$3.00 per month. Motion Carried.

The CMB licenses for 2021 were discussed. Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by David Galvan to approve the CMB licenses for Westside Ventures and The Doghouse for 2021 to sell on and off the premises. Motion Carried.

Employees Christmas bonuses were discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve a \$200 dollar bonus for full time employees Adrienne Luthi and Dustin Murk and a \$75.00 bonus for part time employees including Betty Davis, Nate Miles, Rodney Saenger, Chris Rose and Taygen Watson. Motion Carried.

End of year transfers were discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Cord Gwennap to approve transfer of \$25,000 out of the general fund and into the Capital Equipment reserve fund and \$25,000 out of the general fund and into the Capital Improvement reserve fund. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion Carried.